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VIA EMATL AND MAIL

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U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear **Geoff**:

Thank you for your forthright and constructive participation in the annual **RMI/DOE** held in mid-June in Honolulu. You moved issues forward on several **fronts** that are important to the Enewetak people. However, there were a couple of issues that remained unresolved. These concern (1) a DOE review of the scientific reports concerning Enewetak Atoll prepared by Dr. John Mauro and Dr. Hans Behling of SC&A, and (2) assistance in determining the type, quantity and extent of residual toxic chemicals on Enewetak Atoll.

The scientific reports prepared by Drs. Mauro and Behling addressed the issue of the radiological cleanup of Enewetak Atoll. Specifically, the reports addressed: (1) the radiological conditions at Enewetak, (2) the doses and health risks to the people of Enewetak if one were to do no cleanup using U.S. methodologies, (3) collective health impacts under various remedial alternatives, (4) cleanup alternatives using U.S. standards, and (5) the costs of such alternatives. After analyzing 30 different cleanup options, Drs. Mauro and Behling recommended an approach consisting of a combination of soil removal and application of potassium to soil. The reports were submitted to the Tribunal which accepted the recommended approach in its decision concerning land damages suffered by the Enewetak people.

As the Enewetak people and the Marshall Islands government move the Tribunal awards through the U.S. Congress and the Administration, it would be useful to obtain an official U.S. government response to the assumptions, conclusions and analyses contained in these reports. I am therefore writing to request that your office conduct such a review.

The second issue concerns toxic chemicals in the environment at Enewetak Atoll. In this regard, we request assistance **from** the Department of Energy in determining the type, quantity and extent of residual toxic chemicals on Enewetak Atoll.

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I have discussed these requests with the **RMI** government, and inform you by this letter that the above two requests also represent requests by the **RMI** government.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Ambassador Banny de Brum